Increasing Industrial Investment in Andhra Pradesh

441. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to increase the central investment in industrial sector in Andhra Pradesh during the current Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) No new grass roots plant in the central industrial sector is proposed to be set up in the current Five Year Plan. There are certain central sector investment Projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh where schemes of expansion, diversification, modernisation etc., are being undertaken. The details of central projects, costing more than Rs. 100 crores which are under implementation are given at pages 43-48 of Vol. I of Public Enterprises Survey 1991-92 laid in both the Houses of Parliament on 26-2-1993.

PSUs showing losses

442. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of Public Sector Undertakings undergoing financial losses;

(b) how Government propose to remedy the working of such undertakings;

(c) whether any proposal for privatisation of Public Sector Undertakings is under the consideration of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and how the services of the surplus employees are proposed to be regulated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) There were 102 loss making enterprises as per performance of 1991-92.

(b) Improving the performance of Central PSEs is a continuous process. Enterprise-specific action is taken by the concerned administrative Ministries|Departments and the enterprises to improve the performance. Some of the measures taken are modernisation and rehabilitation plan, financial management and organisational restructuring, change in product-mix, technological upgradation, signing of Memoranda of Understanding, etc

(c) and (d) So far, there is no proposal to privatise any public sector undertakings. Only Government equity of selected public sector enterprises has been disinvested.

Indo-Sri Lanka joint ventures

443. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have sought Sri Lanka cooperation in setting up joint ventures; and

(b) what is the outcome of the Indo-Sri Lanka Joint Business Council meeting held in Colombo recently ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Government welcomes the setting up